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CA DEMOS WORKING TO ESTABLISH DLC CHAPTER.
Calif. will soon have its own chapter of the Democratic Leadership Council(DLC). Organizing efforts are now underway throughout the State. Janis Berman, U.S. Rep. Howard Berman's wife, is the Calif. chairperson...

...For those who may have forgotten, Pres. Bill Clinton used the DLC chairmanship as a platform to gain nationwide recognition among key Demo insiders & opinion molders. The DLC is not a PAC and doesn't endorse candidates for office. The DLC's object is to steer to the Demo Party toward a more moderate or centerist position on a number of key issues...

...Regional chairs who will help Berman with organizing include U.S. Rep. Vic Fazio - Sacto; former U.S. Rep. Doug Bosco - North Coast; U.S. Rep. Richard Lehman - Central Valley; Morely Winograd - L.A.; Bill Podlick - Orange Co.; U.S. Rep. Lynn Schenk - San Diego; & Alameda Co. Sup. Don Perata - Bay Area. Former U.S. Rep. Mel Levine will head a trade task force...

...Actually this is a second start up for the Calif. chapter of the DLC. John Emerson, now working in the White House, was the original DLC chair, but his organizing efforts got sidetracked during 1992 because of his involvement in Bill Clinton's campaign...

...FYI: The CA Demo Party's quest to find a new chairperson continues. On April 2-4 Demos will meet in Sacto to select new officers for the next 4 years. DNC Committeewoman Roz Wyman has taken herself out of the running. DNC Committeewoman Carmen Perez was not reelected as DNC vice chair, so there are some who are pushing her to run. AFSCME labor organizer Arlene Holt and tv/radio commentator Bill Press are

still looking things over. Press will make a decision in about 10 days or so. CDP 1st vice chair Angela Alioto will seek another term as 2nd vice chair, while Jean Harris will run for CDP Secretary. 2nd vice chair Chuck Fuentes also will seek another term. Stay tuned...

HOUSTON AND GOV. WILSON: PLAYING HARDBALL POLITICS WITH THE HOT IMMIGRATION ISSUE...

Editor's note: There's little doubt that even before L.A. mayor candidate Tom Houston or CA Gov. Pete Wilson(R) began talking about the impact of illegal immigration on Calif. and Los Angeles, the issue itself was molten, but had still not surfaced completely. Now with the Zoe Baird incident and Houston's new TV ad about illegal alien GANG activity, the issue is now boiling. Here is our report & analysis...

...By most all accounts, the U.S. has THE MOST generous of all immigration policies in the world. Some 1.8 million immigrants come to the U.S. each year -- legally. But it's the millions of ILLEGALS who cross our borders each year who are causing immigration to become a WEDGE issue in the U.S., Calif. and in L.A. But it's not just illegals from Mexico or Central America who are the focal point of controversy. Large numbers of illegals are coming to the U.S. from Haiti, the People's Rep. of China and The Philippines. All are coming to the U.S. hoping for a better life. But with the current recession, there are even fewer jobs for illegals. Regardless, a few hours work in CA brings in more than a weekly job in Mexico or Central America...

...For Gov. Wilson, the problem of illegal aliens translates into MONEY. Wilson estimates that illegals are costing State and local taxpayers about \$1.5 billion a year

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in services (health/welfare, education and law enforcement). There's no doubt that illegals contribute to the economy, but just how much isn't really known. One estimate is \$1 billion annually...

...Wilson has asked the Feds to repay CA about \$1.5 billion -- to compensate for the impact of illegals. His request has received substantial media coverage, but the Feds don't have the money to help. Wilson could make this into a hot issue as he runs for reelection next year...

...As for Houston, who was outgoing Mayor Tom Bradley's deputy during the mid-to-late 1980s, he jumped on the issue of illegals some time ago --- and has said he won't let go because the news media is giving him tons of coverage -- coverage he needs if he is to move up the ladder into the top tier in this 52-candidate field for mayor. And make no mistake, Houston's comments and his new TV ad is causing discomfort among many Hispanic political leaders, but is also bringing him new found support...

...Houston is the 1st major candidate with a TV ad in this campaign. The subject is ILLEGALS & CRIME. Recently Houston said 2 major gangs in the L.A. area are primarily composed of 23,000 illegal aliens. True. The two gangs are the 18th Street Gang (the largest gang in L.A.) and the MS Gang (described by sources as L.A.'s most dangerous gang). In his ad, Houston says he'll have them picked up and deported. "Why hasn't this been done?" he asks. "Because the City Council tied the hands of our police and ordered them not to help immigration officials arrest and deport gang members." Good ad, but not totally accurate...

...INS sources say they do get help from the LAPD and on serious felony arrests where the LAPD believes that the person under arrest may be an illegal, the INS is notified. The INS even has a violent gang task force, but it's intelligence is NOT as good as the LAPD and this is where the INS would like more cooperation...

...INS sources tell CALPEEK there is GOOD cooperation with the L.A. Co. Sheriff and with other county sheriffs from So. Calif. In fact, this is where the INS does a huge amount of its work. In 1992, nearly 14,000 aliens were deported --- straight out of

county jails, and State and Federal prisons here in Southern Calif. About 25% of all Federal inmates are deportable aliens and in CA, it's estimated that there are about 16,000 aliens in State prisons. But as another source noted, illegal alien ex-cons have little trouble in crossing back to the U.S. after they are released...

...Nationwide, some 3 million illegals cross to the U.S. each year without getting caught --- 500,000 in the San Diego area, along a 14-mile border which is not heavily patrolled because the Border Patrol is short on manpower. There hasn't been a loud cry from CA's "supposedly powerful" 52-member House delegation to make the Feds do something that will stop the flow of illegals and protect our border. Like we said, it's a very hot political issue that won't go away. Stay tuned...

TERM LIMIT IMPACT TO BE DISCUSSED FEB. 13.

The impact of term limits on political parties will be discussed from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 13, Seeley G. Mudd Building at USC. Cost is \$10 (including box lunch). The event is sponsored by the CA Cmt. for Party Renewal. For info (213)743-5211...

CALPEEK'S ETCETERA: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

- CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE - Hardline conservatives and the GUN LOBBY are still furious with Gov. Wilson for his 1992 veto of a bill to legalize the Thompson Contender, a pistol that fires a small shotgun shell, used by snake hunters. Wilson vetoed the bill at the request of law enforcement groups. This past week Demo Assemblyman Jim Costa of Fresno, who is running for the State Senate in the 16th S.D. special, introduced the same bill (with modifications) that Wilson vetoed. The 1993 version is AB 236. Costa's action thus puts 16th S.D. GOP rival Phil Wyman in a tough spot. Several years ago Wyman carried the Thompson Contender bill but dropped it at the request of police & sheriffs. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what Costa and the Demos may do: LINK Wyman and Wilson in hit mailers aimed at 16th S.D. gun owners...

- SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER - Dedication

of the \$50 million Simon Wiesenthal Center's Beit Hashoah - Museum of Tolerance, will be held Feb. 8. In addition to Simon Wiesenthal, political types who will attend the dedication include Gov. Pete Wilson, U.S. Reps. Howard Berman, Julian Dixon and Jane Harman; L.A. Councilmen John Ferraro and Zev Yaroslavsky; L.A. Co. Sheriff Sherman Block and L.A. Co. DA Gil Garcetti. The museum goes public on Feb. 9...

- ANOTHER BLUE RIBBON PANEL - A bipartisan group of 28 Californians will study the State's budgeting process during the coming year and recommend a series of REFORMS. The official name of this group is the Calif. Citizens Budget Commission. CCBC co-chairs are former Assembly Speaker Robert Monagan, former legislative analyst A. Alan Post and Kevin Scott, former exec. director of the Comm. on State Finance. Professional staff are Tracy Westen & Bob Stern, both from the CA Comm. on Campaign Financing; and Susan North, a former consultant to the Assembly W&M Committee...

SPECIAL ELECTION UPDATE: 2nd S.D. CONTEST PITS SEN. THOMPSON AGAINST GOPER HANDLEY..
Editor's note: Here is an update on the 2nd S.D. special set for Mar. 2. The 2nd S.D. became vacant when Barry Keene(D) unexpectedly resigned to take a lobbying job in Sacto...

...CALPEEK sources rate State Sen. Mike Thompson(D) as a slight favorite to win this special over GOP businesswoman Margie Handley of Willits. In 1990, Handley gave Keene a real run --- spending \$270,000 and getting 46% of the vote. That same year, Thompson, of St. Helena, unseated GOP State Sen. Jim Nielsen, in the neighboring 4th S.D...

...Why is Thompson running if he already has a seat? The same reason that State Sen. Don Rogers(R) jumped from one district to the next. Reapportionment has made the 2nd S.D. into a strong Demo seat, whereas the 4th S.D. --- now and in 1994, could be an iffy situation for Thompson, especially if he had to run against State Assemblyman Stan Statham(R) or former Assemblywoman Bev Hansen(R). And yes, these two, along with Nielsen, are said to be eyeing Thompson's 4th S.D...

...Thompson is the favorite because in a special it's a name ID war and because the district has a 56% Demo vs. 31% GOP registration. But remember, Handley won't be a push over and she does have one very good issue: because of Keene's resignation, this special --- and subsequent specials which will probably follow --- are being dubbed as the "Million Dollar Specials" because that's how much it is going to cost the counties involved --- money they DON'T have. A low turnout also would help Handley...

...Thompson has hired consultant Paul Kinney, along with field ops whiz Larry Tramatola and daily mgr. Cynthia Wieland. Handley has hired consultant Herb Williams. There are 2 other GOP candidates, 1 Demo challenger and 1 P&F candidate, but CALPEEK sources regard Thompson and Handley as top contenders. Stay tuned...

L.A. MUNI ELECTION: CITY COUNCIL BATTLES.
Editor's note: This week CALPEEK takes a look at SAFE INCUMBENTS running for reelection to the L.A. City Council on April 20. We'll also take a brief look at an "OUTING" by the L.A. Times in an OPEN city council contest...

...Many L.A. City Hall and CALPEEK sources agree there are 3 incumbent councilmembers in ODD numbered districts who face light or under-financed opposition. They are 1st District Councilman Mike Hernandez, 5th District Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky and 11th District Councilman Marvin Braude. Having said this, INCUMBENCY --- especially when linked with a term limits measure --- could present problems...

- 1st District - Hernandez, who was just elected 18 months ago to fill the unexpired term when Gloria Molina moved to the Board of Supes, has 3 opponents, none of whom are considered a serious threat. Hernandez has hired consultant Jill Barad to oversee his reelection. Reviews on Hernandez's performance in the past 18 months are MIXED at best, but he should win another term...

- 5th District - Yaroslavsky is seeking a 5th term and has 3 challengers. He has hired Skelton-Grover & Assoc. to run his reelection. One reason for hiring Parke Skelton and Barbara Grover is that Zev does

NOT want to take any chances with rival Laura Lake, who challenged him in 1989. Lake is a slow-growth Westside NIMBY, who has been very critical of heavy development in Westwood. That kind of stance may not fly this year, given the shape of the economy, but one can never tell...

- 11th District - Braude will seek a 9th term, but has 5 challengers. The most serious rival may be attorney Daniel W. Pritikin --- and yes, CALPEEK is told that he is somehow related to diet whiz Nathan. Pritikin has money and has hired The Dolphin Group for some preliminary help, which Braude has hired consultant Marc Litchman...

- THE OUTING OF JACKIE GOLDBERG - Lots of insiders were shocked when they read the Jan. 22nd issue of the L.A. Times. The headline read, "3 Gay Leaders to Seek Council Seat in 13th District." The subhead actually named former school board member Jackie Goldberg, who has never gone public with the fact that she is a lesbian. However, among political insiders, straight and gay, Goldberg's sexual orientation was fairly well known. The story itself, by James Rainey, was handled in a mature and dignified way, focusing on how gay and lesbian leaders felt about candidates being "upfront" and "open" about their sexuality. Nevertheless, it was an OUTING. Will the L.A. Times OUT other candidates running in the city election??? Stay tuned....

SCAG & L.A. CHAMBER SPONSOR NAFTA WORKSHOP. Have questions about the proposed No. Amer. Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)? The So. CA Assn. of Govts. & the L.A. Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a workshop and public hearing from 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Feb. 3, at the offices of the So. Coast AQMD, 21865 E. Copley Dr., Diamond Bar. For info and RSVPs, Betty Werthman (213)236-1832...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- James A. O'Mally, former regional dir. of State Govt. Rel. with R.J. Reynolds, has joined the Sacto law firm of Flanigan & Flanigan...

- Correction: The Michael Dieden Co. phone number is (310)451-7403. We printed Dieden's FAX number by mistake...

- Salt Lake City political consultant Mike Zuhl and Sacto-based Townsend, Hermocillo, Raimundo & Usher have formed a full-service PR/PA/campaign consulting firm in Utah called the Townsend Zuhl Group...

- Howard Sunkin, one of the better known L.A. City Hall lobbyists, has been promoted to vice president at Cerrell Associates...

- Campaign consultants Felicia Bragg and Kerman Maddox have formed Bragg & Maddox, 3345 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 603, L.A. CA 90010. (213)389-6123...

- Andre Vaughn is the new president of the Apartment Assn. of Greater L.A. for 1993...

- After 17 years as COS to State Sen. Dan Boatwright, Barry Brokaw has joined the lobbying firm of Sacramento Advocates...

MARKETPLACE NETWORK

- SUSAN DESPERATELY SEEKING - Position as Legislative/Political Assistant in Sacramento. Bright, energetic, former graduate student. Politically active. Contact Susan Swanson at (916)444-6428...

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